

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1677 - HB 1482**

March 16, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates a presumption that an infectious disease acquired by an emergency rescue worker was acquired in the line of duty.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$25,000**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000\***

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, this legislation is estimated to increase the number of firefighters who receive a death benefit by at least one per year. The increase in state expenditures is estimated to be at least one death benefit of \$25,000.
- According to the Department of Safety (DOS), this legislation will not have a fiscal impact on DOS.
- Local government expenditures are expected to increase due to additional worker's compensation claims. This increase is estimated to be in excess of \$100,000.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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